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Subject: Working Group on Health Systems Research, Biomedical Research & Development and Regulation of Drugs and Therapeutics for the Eleventh Five-Year Plan (2007-2012).

In the context of formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12), it has been decided to set up a Working Group on Health Systems Research, Biomedical Research & Development and Regulation of Drugs & Therapeutics under the Chairmanship of Director General, ICMR, New Delhi. The composition of the Working Group will be as follows:

1.	Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi	Chairman
2.	Representative, Deptt. of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi	Member
3.	Representative, Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi	Member
4.	Representative, Deptt. of Science & Technology, New Delhi.	Member
5.	Representative, Deptt. of Bio-Technology, New Delhi.	Member
6.	Representative, Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi	Member
7.	Representative, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi.	Member
8.	Drug Controller of India, DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi	Member
9.	Director, Central Drugs Research Institute, Lucknow	Member
10.	Director, Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. C.K. George, Director, Institute of Health Systems, Hyderabad	Member
12.	Dr. Y K Gupta, Professor of Pharmacology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	Member
13.	Prof. V.R. Muraleedharan, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai	Member
14.	Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
15.	Shri.Rajeev Lochan, Director, (Health), Planning Commission, New Delhi	Member

16.	Shri.K.M.Gupta, Director, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi	Member
17.	Dr. Ranjit Roy Choudhary, New Delhi	Member
18.	Dr. Somnath Roy, Emeritus Professor, New Delhi	Member
19.	Dr. Y. Atal, Ex-Principal Director, UNESCO, Gurgaon	Member
20.	Dr. Mira Shiva, Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi	Member
21.	Dr. Amar Jessani, Centre for Enquiry into Health & Allied Themes, Mumbai	Member
22.	Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi	Member-Secretary

2. The terms of reference of the Working Group will be as under:

- (i) To review the position/progress/ problems in basic, clinical, applied and operational studies during the 10th Plan period and to suggest priority areas for research in these areas, and mechanism to avoid duplication/overlapping and to bring about transparency and social control in research work including ethical issues during the 11th Plan.
- (ii) To review the current situation regarding development, testing and quality control of drugs and devices, both in the modern system of medicine and AYUSH and suggest priority areas for research and institutional strengthening during the 11th Plan period.
- (iii) To review the manpower position and infrastructure available for research in research institutions, universities, medical college and service institutions and to suggest mechanisms for optimal utilization of these human resources and facilities during the 11th Plan.
- (iv) To review current status of inter-agency, inter-ministry collaboration in priority areas of research and to suggest mechanism of improvement during the 11th Plan period.
- (v) To review the situation regarding research agencies addressing priority areas of research identified by service providers and implementation of major suggestions emerging from research studies and to suggest mechanism for improvement of these during 11th Plan period.
- (vi) To study the current status of access to research information from Indian and abroad to researchers in India, suggest mechanism for research information dissemination and central clearing house for facilities for research information.
- (vii) To review the current investment in bio-medical research and health systems research by various agencies and project requirements to address the identified priorities during the Eleventh Plan period.
- (viii) To deliberate and give recommendations on any other matter relevant to the topic.

3. The Chairman may form sub-groups and co-opt official or non-official members as needed. The Working Group will submit its report by 31st August, 2006.

4. Shri Rajeev Lochan, Director (Health), Room No. 463, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi will be the Nodal Officer for all further communications.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group in respect of the official members will be borne by the parent Department /Ministry to which the official belongs as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. The non-official members of the Steering Committee will be entitled to TA/DA as permissible to Grade I officers of the Government of India under SR 190 (a) and this expenditure will be borne by the Planning Commission

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